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EA/TIMBS FOR AMBASSADOR BEAN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAID, EFIN, BM
SUBJ: VISIT OF DEPASST SECY HEGINBOTHAM

REF: STATE 044774

1. TIN TUN, AMERICA DIRECTORATE, AND THEIN MYINT, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, PLANNING AND FINANCE MINISTRY, BOTH BELIEVE THAT SUBSTANTIVE APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE DESPITE PYITHU HLUTTAW. TIN TUN'S ENTHUSIASM LED HIM TO AN UNPRECEDENTED PERSONAL OPINION. DEP MIN MAUNG SHEIN WAS SUGGESTED BY BOTH AND WE SHOULD GET SOME MORE SUGGESTIONS. IT IS PROBABLY SAFE TO SAY MAUNG SHEIN AND SOME OTHER RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS WILL MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE. WE WILL PROBABLY NOT HAVE ANY CHOICE ON TIMING, HOWEVER, SO I SUGGEST WE WAIT UNTIL THESE APOINTMENTS ARE SET BEFORE SETTING A DEFINITE TIME FOR THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP AMBASSADORS. THE SOONER WE KNOW MR. HEGINBOTHAM'S FIRM ITINERARY THE EASIER IT WILL BE.

2. GROUP AMBASSADORS HAVE TENTATIVELY ACCEPTED TENTATIVE INVITATION. NEW BRITISH AMBASSADOR WILL BE HERE THEN AND PAUNCEFORT THINKS HE WILL BE HAPPY TO SEIZE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET GROUP COLLEAGUES WITH PECKOVE, HIS ECONOMIC OFFICER, IN ATTENDANCE TO SUPPLY DETAILS IF NECESSARY. SUGGEST
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THIS BE AT RESIDENCE RATHER THAN OFFICE TO KEEP IT INFORMAL, PARTICULARLY SINCE U.K. AMBASSADOR WILL NOT HAVE PRESENTED CREDENTIALS. DOTY AGREES.

3. WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A DINNER FOR MR. HEGINBOTHAM, CONSULTATIVE GROUP AMBASSADORS, AND PERHAPS A FEW LOWER LEVEL BURMESE? SENIOR OFFICIALS PROBABLY COULD NOT GET AWAY IN THE

EVENING. IF SO, I WILL GET OUT INVITATIONS AS SOON AS
SCHEDULE IS FIRM. DOTY AGREES AND RECOMMENDS DINNER BE STAG,
AS DO I. IF SO, DO YOU WANT ANYONE ELSE FROM THE MISSION?

4. DOTY HOPES YOU'RE SUFFERING.
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